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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE BOAT CASES

1. SUMMARY. MALAYSIAN POLICE SENT LETTER TO DAO SAYING  
21 FISHING BOATS CONTAINING 600 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES SENT  
ON THEIR WAY FROM MALAYSIA AND ASKING WHETHER WE HAVE ANY  
INFORMATION CONCERNING THEIR FATE. WE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY  
ANY OF BOATS AND REQUEST ADDRESSEE POSTS TO CHECK BOAT  
NUMBERS AGAINST THEIR FILES. END SUMMARY.

2. OUR DEFENSE ATTACHE HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM THE  
ROYAL MALAYSIAN POLICE SIGNED BY THE "FORCE MARINE  
OFFICER" SATING THAT MALAYSIAN POLICE VESSELS HAVE  
"DETECTED", SUPPLIED AND SENT ON THEIR WAY A TOTAL OF  
21 BOATS SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY  
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600 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON THEIR WAY TO THE  
"PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA OR THE UNITED STATES". THE  
LETTER FURNISHES THE IDENTITY NUMBERS OF 18 BOATS AND ASKS  
IF WE HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF THE REFUGEES.

3. THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE LETTER (TEXT TRANSMITTED  
BELOW) ARE ALARMING. IN FACT, WE HAVE NO INFORMATION

ON ANY OF THESE BOATS. WE HAVE SENT A COPY OF THE LETTER TO UNHCR TO SEE IF THEY CAN IDENTIFY ANY OF THEM. WE HAD KNOWN AND HAD PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THAT BOATS APPROACHING MALAYSIAN SHORES WERE BEING SENT ON BUT DID NOT KNOW WHAT THE NUMBERS MIGHT HAVE BEEN. ONE CAN ONLY SPECULATE ON THE MOTIVES OF THE POLICE IN FURNISHING THIS KIND OF INFORMATION ON A SUBJECT ON WHICH ALL GOM OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY TIGHT-LIPPED.

4. WE ARE STILL CONSIDERING HOW TO RESPOND TO THE LETTER. IN THE MEANTIME, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDRESSEE POSTS CHECKING THEIR FILES TO SEE WHETHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON ANY OF THE BOATS LISTED. WE FEAR, OF COURSE, THAT SOME BOATS MAY HAVE BEEN LOST AT SEA ALTHOUGH WE THINK THERE IS POSSQI-BILITY THAT IN SOME CASES BOATS WILL HAVE BEEN DESTROYED CLOSE TO SHORE SO THAT REFUGEES COULD AVOID BEING SENT BACK TO SEA. ACCORDING TO OUR MOST RECENT FIGURES, THERE ARE NOW ABOUT 2,000 REFUGEES ASHORE IN MALAYSIA WITH THE LARGEST NUMBER IN JOHORE AT THE SOUTHERN END OF THE PENINSULA.

5. TEXT: BEGIN QUOTE:

A. NUMBER OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO LEFT VIETNAM IN FISHING VESSELS HAVE BEEN DETECTED BY MARINE POLICE VESSELS IN THE SOUTH CHINA SEA AND ALSO ALONG THE COASTLINE OF PENINSULAR MALAYSIA. WHEN CONTACTED, THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE ON THEIR WAY TO EITHER THE REPUBLIC OF PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA OR THE UNITED STATES. TO ENABLE THEM TO CONTINUE WITH THE JOURNEY, THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDED WITH FOOD, FUEL AND CLOTHINGS.  
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ACCORDING TO OUR RECORDS, A TOTAL OF 21 BOATS WITH ABOUT 600 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES HAVE BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE LEFT OUR WATERS ENROUTE TO THE COUNTRIES MENTIONED ABOVE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR. THE IDENTITIES OF THESE REFUGEES BOATS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) MNV 126
- (B) PK 107G
- (C) MNV 666
- (D) PRIM 618
- (E) SG. 215
- (F) 0006 DC
- (G) THR 8602
- (H) MNVN 0026
- (I) PTM 725
- (J) P PLS VT 274
- (K) THR 8644
- (L) CAT 1893
- (M) PTK 0355

(N) PTN 0744  
(O) PT 281  
(P) THM 8822  
(Q) VT 793  
(R) SS 0204/1A

AS THERE HAD BEEN NO INFORMATION OF THEIR WHERE-  
ABOUTS SINCE THEIR DEPARTURE, I SEEK YOUR KIND  
ASSISTANCE FOR ANY INFORMATION ON THE FATE OF  
THESE REFUGEES, WHETHER THEY HAVE BEEN SIGHTED  
BY YOUR AUTHORITIES AT SEA OR WHETHER THEY  
HAVE LANDED ON YOUR SHORES.  
THANKING IN ADVANCE.

YOURS FAITHFULLY,

(MOHD. ZULKIFLI B ABDUL RAHMAN)  
FORCE MARINE OFFICER

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FOR INSPECTOR GENERAL  
ROYAL MALAYSIA POLICE

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